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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION SPEECH OF PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL

1. AT 0930 HOURS ON JUNE 25 SAMORA MOISES MACHEL WAS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE (PRM).

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FOLLOWING THE OATH, PRESIDENT MACHEL GAVE A LENGTHY INAUGU-

RATION ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED AND TO MOZAMBIQUE VIA RADIO. IN GENERAL THE SPEECH WAS A MILITANT REVIEW OF PREVIOUS SPEECHES. IT CONTAINED NO SURPRISES AND DID NOT INCLUDE THE NAMES OF THE NEW CABINET. NEITHER DID PRESIDENT MACHEL ADDRESS HIMSELF TO ANYTHING NEW ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, MERELY REPEATING PREVIOUSLY REPORTED STATEMENTS.

2. SOME KEY POINTS OF THE SPEECH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. PRESIDENT MACHEL DWELT AT LENGTH AND VIVIDLY ON THE CRIMES OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS. HOWEVER, LATER IN THE SPEECH, HE NOTED THAT FRELIMO'S QUARREL WAS NEVER WITH THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, AND HE SALUTED THEIR VICTORY OVER FASCISM AND COLONIALISM, NOTING THERE WAS NO HATE OR FEELING OF VENGEANCE TOWARDS THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE.

B. HE HAD HARSH CRITICISM FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PAST ROLE IN MOZAMBIQUE, REFERRING TO THE CHURCH AS AN ALLY OF COLONIALISM. BUT HE NOTED THAT FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS ENSHRINED IN THE NEW MOZAMBIQUE CONSTITUTION (BEING REPORTED SEPTEL).

C. ONE OF THE FEW NEW EMPHASSES WAS ON THE CREATION OF COLLECTIVE VILLAGES (ALSO REFERRED TO AS "REVOLUTIONARY SOCIETIES OR COMMUNES"). HE NOTED THAT DISPERSED MOZAMBIQUEAN PEASANTS IN RURAL AREAS WILL BE FORMED INTO COLLECTIVE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS.

D. ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, PRESIDENT MACHEL SAID RELATIONS WOULD BE STRENGTHENED WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE WORLD, WITH FRATERNAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE PRM IS ALSO "READY TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WISH TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND ABSOLUTE EQUALITY". HE EXCEPTED "FASCISM AND COLONIALISM", NOTING THAT MOZAMBIQUE WILL NEVER COEXIST WITH THEM.

E. HE DESCRIBED THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF MOZAMBIQUE AS "CATASTROPHIC", BLAMING IT ON COLONIALISM, AND CITED ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION AS PRIORITY TASKS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

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3. MACHEL SAID PRM WOULD ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA AND THE OTHER NON-LIBERATED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD BUT SAID NOTHING SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD DO VIS-A-VIS RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

4. MACHEL SAID NOTHING ABOUT RENAMING LOURENCO MARQUES CAM FUMO. (WE ARE TOLD IT WILL BE YET ANOTHER NAME, PERHAPS

LATER.)

5. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT MACHEL'S ADDRESS, VARIOUS FOREIGN COMRADES WERE INTRODUCED, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF ANC-RHODESIA, MPLA, ANC SOUTH AFRICA, SWAPO, MOLINACO (COMORROS), FRETTELIN (TIMOR), SEYCHELLES, AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. WHEN INTRODUCING THE PLO THE SPOKESMAN (UNIDENTIFIED) MADE THE ONLY REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES, NOTING THAT THE PLO WAS FIGHTING AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AS REPRESENTED BY ISRAEL. SPECIAL HONORS WENT TO PRESIDENT MOHAMMED SIAD BARRE OF SOMALIA, GREY ZULU OF ZAMBIA, AND RASHIDI KAWAWA OF TANZANIA. NO REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNIST COUNTRY DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE USSR AND PRC, WERE INTRODUCED INDIVIDUALLY.

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